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POPULATION OF SALINE.

By Townships, Villages and Cities, for 1900 as Announced by Census Department Compared With Figures of 1890

The populations of the towns and cities of Saline county have already been published in the columns of the REPUBLICAN, but for the convenience of our readers, the population of the county by townships, villages and cities is appended in full as announced by the census department. The figures of the last census are also compared with those of 1890:

	1900	1890
SALINE COUNTY—TOTAL...	381,703	381,702
Arrow Rock township, including Arrow Rock village and Nelson city...	2,602	2,601
Arrow Rock village...	354	350
Nelson city...	496	491
Blackwater township...	1,534	1,531
Cambridge township, (with Jefferson township annexed) including Gilliam village and Slater city...	5,354	5,720
Gilliam village...	347	321
Slater city...	2,502	2,400
Ward 1...	700	
Ward 2...	983	
Ward 3...	802	
Clay township...	2,190	2,072
Elmwood township, including Blackburn village...	2,527	2,451
Blackburn village...	454	372
Grand Pass township, including Malta Bend village...	2,070	2,349
Malta Bend village...	431	440
Liberty township...	1,969	1,965
Marshall township, including Marshall city...	8,376	7,970
Marshall city...	5,090	4,297
Ward 1...	1,884	
Ward 2...	1,876	
Ward 3...	1,220	
Miami township, including Miami city...	3,416	3,651
Miami city...	561	647
Salt Fork township...	1,010	1,025
Salt Pond township, including Sweet Springs city...	2,595	2,848
Sweet Springs city...	1,090	1,137

The figures upon towns have previously been analyzed and compared, as has also that of the aggregate population of Saline, which it will be remembered created much surprise and comment in showing a loss of 59 during the past ten years.

Missouri made the smallest per cent increase from 1890 to 1900 of any ten years in her history since her admission in 1820 as a state. Yet the average increase of her counties was 16 per cent, while Saline shows a loss of .2 per cent. The complete figures will show that this decrease is due largely to a loss of population in the rural districts, to which few townships show exceptions.

Only three towns in Saline decreased in population.—Malta Bend 18, Sweet Springs 57 and Miami 66 or 141 in the aggregate, while on the other hand, Arrow Rock increased 8, Gilliam 26, Nelson 85, Blackburn 86, Slater 102 and Marshall 789 or 1096 in all. The net increase for all the towns of Saline is 955, which the rural districts have not only done away with, but added an additional decrease of 59 or 1014 in the aggregate.

But further examination enables us to show what rural communities have suffered most in loss of population and also the few which have gains to their credit. Cambridge township, to which Jefferson has been annexed, excluding the towns within her borders, shows a falling off of 500, while Marshall township including the city has an increase of the same number, but without the city, shows a loss of 289. These townships show the largest rural losses, with Salt Pond next at 201, which does not include Sweet Springs. Miami township shows a rural loss of 171, Arrow Rock of 64, Salt Fork of 15 and Elmwood of 9.

The only townships which show an increase in their rural populations are: Clay 124, Liberty 64, Grand Pass 39 and Blackwater 8.

These figures would indicate that the agricultural districts are becoming more sparsely populated and that the tendency in the rural parts is toward larger farms and fewer renters.

STATE BOARD INVESTIGATION.

Dr. J. T. McClanahan, of Boonville, a member of the State Board of Health, was in Marshall Tuesday, investigating smallpox conditions here. This body divided the state into territories and allotted a certain section to each member, in which his power is that of the full board.

Dr. McClanahan came here from Fayette, where he found several cases of smallpox existing. The disease is quite general and very few towns of the state are so fortunate as not to be infected. Dr. McClanahan is not only acting as inspector, but is reporting his findings to the city councils and demanding strict quarantine regulations.

While here, he called upon the "city fathers," telling them what regulations should be made, assuring them that with a strict and severe quarantine of each case, the disease could be stamped out inside of three weeks. Should this action not be taken and vigorous measures fail to be enforced, he promised action in the matter by the state board. While the malady is not dangerous and may hardly be termed serious, Dr. McClanahan, like many others, insists that all precautions shall be taken.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.

J. Monroe Davis, Nelson and Leona F. Wardrup Ridge Prairie.

S. S. Barnett and Gertrude H. Piper, Marshall.

Franklin J. Casky and Judith Catherine Pulliam, Corder.

BOY SHOT BY HIS COMPANION.

Karl Hunter Accidentally Shot by His Playmate While Hunting on Salt Fork—Death Resulting Thursday.

Karl Hunter, a fourteen-year-old boy, while out hunting Tuesday afternoon with a close friend and playmate, Harley Roberts, son of E. D. Roberts, employed by the Marshall Produce Co., was accidentally shot by his companion, on the hills just beyond Salt Fork, near the Arrow Rock-Marshall road bridge.

The wound was found to be a very serious one, with scarcely a chance for life. The victim of the accident lay all day Wednesday at the home of his father, C. W. Hunter, on West Marion street, suffering the most excruciating pain. The end came about six o'clock Thursday morning when this bright and cheerful little fellow, who had so many friends about town, passed away.

The two carried but one gun, a small-bore rifle, which was held by young Roberts at the time of the accident. A rabbit was jumped and, in drawing the rifle to a firing position, the hammer caught in his clothing, allowing it to strike the shell, which contained a 22 long cartridge.

Hunter was standing about 12 feet away, and the ball struck him in the hip, ranging toward the abdomen. His frightened companion ran for help, finding a teamster on a load of fodder coming to town. The helpless youth was carefully wrapped and carried to the wagon, upon which he was taken to his home.

Dr. J. D. Jackson was summoned and probed for the ball, but failed to locate it. He thinks that it must have pierced the abdominal cavity, an inflammation of the bowels having set in, which finally brought death to terminate his intense suffering.

LIVE STOCK NOTES.

At the Kansas City Hereford sale last Friday, Carnation, a Hereford cow was sold to J. C. Adams of Moweaqua, Ill., for \$3,700, the highest auction price ever accorded a cow of this breed.

C. E. Rogers shipped to Benedict Murray & McDowell of Chicago on Monday's market one car load of one-year-olds sold at 5 cents for John Finnegan of Shackelford.

V. W. Yancey was on the Kansas City market from Waverly last Thursday, with a load of hogs.

Rolf & Grau were on the St. Louis market this week with four car loads of cattle.